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SUBJ: CREATION OF NEW AVIATION MINISTRY

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. PRESIDENT BONGO SIGNED DECREE JANUARY 8 ESTABLISHING NEW MINISTRY OF CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL AVIATION ATTACHED DIRECTLY TO PRESIDENCY. COMMUNIQUE NOTED THAT CREATION OF NEW MINISTRY COINCIDES WITH EXPANSION OF AIR GABON INTO INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS, AND ADDED THAT MINISTRY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERSIGHT OF AIR GABON AND FOR GABONESE AIRPORT INSTALLATIONS. COMMUNIQUE SPECIFICALLY OBSERVED THAT NEW MINISTRY WILL NOT BE ATTACHED TO EXISTING MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND CIVIL AVIATION, BUT DID NOT INDICATE WHETHER LATTER WOULD CHANGE ITS DENOMINATION. END UNCLASSIFIED. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

2. COMMENT: AT FIRST BLUSH, CREATION OF NEW MINISTRY SEEMINGLY INSTITUTIONALIZES PRESIDENT'S DETERMINATION TO KEEP AIR GABON UNDER HIS OWN THUMB AND OUT FROM UNDER CONTROL OF MINTRANSPORT RAWIRI. TO SOME EXTENT, IT PRESUMABLY ALSO REFLECTS TRIUMPH FOR PRESIDENCY DIRECTEUR DE CABINET MAYILA, WHO HAS BEEN JOCKEYING WITH HIS GOOD FRIEND RAWIRI FOR DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY ON AIR
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GABON EXPANSION SINCE IDEA FIRST PUT FORWARD BY BONGO. FURTHER TEST OF THIS HYPOTHESIS WILL COME WHEN NEW MINISTER IS NAMED, WITH GOOD CHANCE THAT POST WILL BE TACKED ON TO MAYILA'S ALREADY LONG LIST OF RESPONSIBILITIES. STEIGMAN

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